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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

W. I. Buchanan, of New York, has been appointed U. S Minister to Panama —— Two men were killed and several others injured by an explosion of dynamite at Kenova, W. Va. —— The flotilla of torpedo boats in Hampton Roads sailed yesterday. —— Three speeches were made yesterday in the Senate on the Cuban reciprocity bill. —— J. W. Beaman, supervising architect of the Federal building in Greensboro was stricken with paralysis yesterday. —— Gen. Reyes has been elected president of the Colombian republic. —— The Democratic senatorial caucus reached an agreement not to offer any amendments to the Cuban bill when it comes up to be voted on next Wednesday. —— Jno. R Proctor, of Ky., president of the civil service commission, died yesterday in Washington, D. C. —— Waltham and Monroe won the six days bicycle race in New York. —— The Republican national convention will be held in Chicago June 21st next. —— Gen. J. Franklin Bell has been summoned to Washington from Fort Leavenworth for consultation regarding a probable campaign against Colombia. —— Colombian troops have landed at the mouth of Atrato river for the purpose of invading Panama. —— The naval docks at Pensacola, Fla., were badly damaged yesterday —— New York markets: Money on call nominal; cotton quiet at 12.45c; flour was neglected but steady; wheat —spot easy, No. 2 red 89½c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 52c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 41½c; rosin steady, strained common to good $3.55; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 13.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 39 degrees 8 P. M., 58 degrees; maximum, 59 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, .99.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 3.1 feet.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D C, Dec. 13.—Southwest storm warning four P. M., Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Morehead, Washington, Columbia, Norfolk, Newport News, Fort Monroe, Baltimore, Breakwater, Reedy Island, Port Norris, Cape May, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Sandy Hook, New York Storm over Indiana, moving east northeast, increasing southeast to south winds to-night, shifting to southwest and west Sunday.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—For North Carolina: Rain Sunday, followed by clearing and much colder, cold wave Sunday night; Monday fair and cold, winds shifting to high northwest.

Port Almanac---December 13

Sun Rises	7.02 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 ct. 44 M.
High Water at Southport.	3.31 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	6.01 P. M.

The New York *Advertiser* tells us that in New Castle, Ind., the physicians have made out a black list. We wonder how many blacks they helped to get in a hole.

A New York paper announces now that there is a short supply of corks. This means that it will be hard to stop jugs that are to be sent to prohibition towns these Christmas times.

It is a fad now among rich New Yorkers to have hospitals and pharmacies right in their houses. After a family scrap they can wade into the coats-plaster without wasting time to send down town.

An Associated Press dispatch mentions that at Youngstown, O., on Thursday, a furnace roof collapsed. Wonder if Roosevelt doesn't wish Senator Hanna had been there monkeying with the flowers in the roof garden?

Brother Varner, of the Lexington *Dispatch*, makes this interrogation: "Will it pay to raise hogs?" Well, er—we never do like to play with 'em, but if we should hold four aces we'd raise 'em just to hear 'em squeal.

Would it be the least bit irreverent to speak of college games this beautiful Sunday morning just to say, by way of redundance, that there is to be no more Bassettket bawl at Trinity College for a long time to come?

When Gen Leonard Wood comes home from the Philippines and gets to Washington, he won't have to keep his eyes skinned to see that red light hanging out where the committee on military affairs is holding that investigation.

The Congress of Mothers is still bent on having Smoot, the Mormon senator, expelled from the Senate because he has too many wives. Oh, mamas, don't you know that he is a Republican and that all of those kind of men are bound to stand together?

Things are in such a mess in Washington that it will take a good old Democratic clean sweep to clarify the situation. Republicans never could stand temptation, and it would be cruel to keep them side-stepping from it four years longer.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Clyde Liner "Carib" passed out at Southport, 6 P. M., yesterday.

— Jacksonville, Onslow county, has voted prohibition by a majority of 1.

— Newbern *Journal*, 13th: "Forty depositors received their money at the Farmers & Merchants Bank yesterday.

— Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., will be the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. men's meeting at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

— A scarlet fever quarantine at 508 North Ninth street was lifted yesterday, the patient being Sarah Hawkins, colored.

— Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, of Reidsville, arrived yesterday and will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church at both services to-day.

— Suitable reward is offered for the return of a lady's Columbia chainless bicycle which was stolen from the residence of Mr. S. H. Fishblate, on Market street, Friday night.

— The new system of firm alarm batteries was cut in yesterday and Superintendent Jno. T. Yates gave it a preliminary test yesterday afternoon, which was very satisfactory. The new batteries are at the Chemical engine station.

— Vann's Cigar Store calls attention to a fine line of cigars, tobaccos and smokers' supplies for the Christmas holidays. The window displays at the store now appeal especially to holiday shoppers.

— Mr. A. S. Winstead, the wholesale fruit dealer, yesterday bought 100,000 of the 150,000 oranges in the cargo of the fruit vessel "Mabel Darling," which arrived yesterday from Nassau. The oranges are bringing $1.75 per hundred.

— In the Mayor's court yesterday Mathews King, a colored bell boy at The Orton, was bound over to Superior Court charged with the larceny of a shirt from a colored washerwoman employed by Mr. Mitchell F. Allen, cashier of the Atlantic Trust and Banking Co. King couldn't give bond and went to jail.

FIERCE FOREST FIRES RAGING.

Northeast Sky Red Last Night—Property Loss at Castle Haynes.

The northeast horizon was a brilliant red upon a background of heavy black clouds last night, the cause having been fierce forest fires which were raging at Castle Haynes and near Wrightsboro. Hundreds of people in the city witnessed the reddened sky and wondered at the cause. A telephone message from Castle Haynes at 10 o'clock last night said that the fire in that neighborhood was then under control. Several hundred acres of land, a lot of fencing and some cord wood belonging to Mr. Samuel Blossom and the Hanover Land and Improvement Co. had been burned over but the damage was unknown. The fire is thought to have got beyond control of a force of section hands who were burning off their right of way in that neighborhood.

Particulars of the fire in the neighborhood of Wrightsboro could not be learned last night.

JUSTICE BORNEMANN'S COURT.

White Man and Syrian Paid Costs—Negro Under Bond to Keep the Peace.

Justice G. W. Bornemann investigated in his court yesterday a tangle which ensued at Front and Dock streets Friday night between ex Deputy Sheriff Geo. W. Millis and S. Boufarrah, a member of Wilmington's Syrian colony. Each participant in the engagement was required to pay the cost, which amounted to $4.30.

In the case of Frank Hawkins, the Cape Fear township negro, the defendant gave bond in the sum of $50 to keep the peace for six months toward Dan Grady, also colored. Hawkins was also required to pay a fine of $5 and costs. The case was transferred from Magistrate Johnson, of Cape Fear township.

Elks' Pool Contest.

The December pool contest will take place in the pool room of the Elk's club Tuesday evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The players will be divided into three classes according to their skill. Prizes will be awarded the winners of each class. There are about 30 entries besides the winners of the previous contests and the members of the club are looking forward to an interest and exciting evening.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. F. Parker—To wives.
W. B. Cooper—Oranges.
Clyde Line—Sailing days.
A. David Co.—Daily result.
Notice—Commissioner's sale.
Taylor's Bazaar—Santa Claus.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fireworks.
Solomon's Shoe Store—Dry shod.
C. R., L. & P. Co.—For reading.
Robt. C DeRosset—Christmas goods
D. L. Gore Co.—Evaporated peaches
J. W. Murchison & Co.—Xmas gifts

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Handpurse.
T. L. Ruth—Notice.
Dick & Reilly—For sale.
For Sale—House and lot.
Notice—Sisters in despair.
C. R., L. & P. Co.—Notice.
Turpentine Stills—For sale.
Furnished Rooms—For rent.
C. R., L. P. & Co.—Best light.
S. H. Fishblate—Bicycle stolen.
Vance's Cigar Store—Novelties.
John Ellwood—Country girl wanted

A MEETING CALLED.

Wilmington Naval Store Circles Stirred Up Over Report From New York.

THE SPIRITS ADULTERATION.

Chamber of Commerce Will Consider the Matter Tuesday Afternoon at Special Session — Action Five Years Ago Immediately Repealed.

A call was promulgated and signed yesterday by the required number of members for a general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock to consider the question of adulteration of spirits of turpentine, a series of articles having recently appeared in the New York *Journal of Commerce* to the effect that the seat of such adulteration appeared to be Wilmington, N. C., and that the practice had become so extensive that at least one large naval store firm in that city advised its customers not to buy any turpentine from Wilmington and later warned the trade against making purchases from this point. A representative of Patterson, Downing & Co. is quoted as having said in reference to the matter:

"The wood turpentine, with which the genuine article is adulterated, is obtained from logs and tree stumps rather than from the live tree, and is inferior in quality to spirits. The objectionable feature of this adulteration is that it comes on the market as spirits turpentine and is sold at the same price as the latter. A large part of the Wilmington turpentine comes here. In Georgia and Florida there are laws which prevent the adulteration of turpentine, but none in North Carolina. We are urging the passage of such a law in that State. There is no unusual shortage in the supply of spirits turpentine, and about the only explanation for the adulteration is that some of the producers are trying to make a larger profit."

The call for the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday is signed by Messrs. Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated, Paterson, Downing & Co., D. McEachern, S. P. McNair and McNair & Pearsall. The question of adulteration once before was raised on the Wilmington market and on May 31, 1898, a meeting of the old Produce Exchange was held for the consideration of the subject At that meeting, on motion of Mr. C. H. Robinson, it was ordered: "That the Rules of Trade be amended in reference to adulteration of spirits of turpentine, so that when spirits of turpentine is tendered by the seller to the purchaser for examination and receiving, if kerosene or other oils be found in any barrels, the purchaser shall have the privilege of receiving the same at the current price of kerosene oil, 150 test, wholesale, the said adulterated spirits of turpentine to be submitted to test by the Inspection Committee."

That change, either because it was regarded as impracticable or for other reasons, was subsequently repealed and nothing more was done in the matter upon a communication to the Board of Managers from the Worth Company, McNair & Pearsall, Matt J. Heyer, D. McEachern, D. L. Gore, H. K. Nash and Hall & Pearsall.

What action, if any, will be taken at Tuesday's meeting is not known.

JOHN BERRY WATSON DEAD.

Well Known Citizen Passed Away Yesterday—Funeral This Afternoon.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mr. John Berry Watson, a well known mattress maker and upholsterer of this city, which occurred at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a long illness with consumption, at the home of his brother, Mr. A. W. Watson, No. 612 Grace street. Mr. Watson was born in Salisbury, N. C., and resided at Statesville just before coming to Wilmington six years ago. He had been in feeble health for a long time but did not retire from work until last July.

Mr. Watson was about 37 years of age and leaves to mourn their loss, a brother, Mr. A. W. Watson; a daughter who lives with her aunt at Statesville, and a son who is attending the institution for the blind at Raleigh. His wife preceded him to the grave about a year ago. A number of other relatives live in Salisbury, Statesville and Charlotte. Mr. Watson was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and the funeral will be conducted from the residence of Mr. A. W. Watson at 2 30 o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure. The interment will be in Oakdale.

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Movement of Vessels to and from Wilmington—Cotton and Naval Stores.

Cotton receipts yesterday made up for the shortage on account of the wreck the day before—3,142 bales against only 1,867 same day last year. The quotations were unchanged. There was nothing doing in either spirits or rosin yesterday.

Schooner "Wm. Linthicum," Capt. Hitchens, previously cleared light for Georgetown, S. C., and the British fruit schooner "City of Nassau," previously cleared with cargo of shingles for Kingston, Jamaica, passed out at Southport at noon yesterday. Schooner "Adele Thackara," which has been discharging cargo of stone for Roger Moore's Sons & Co. at Fort Caswell, passed up in tow at 1:30 P. M. yesterday and will receive cargo of cross-ties from the Eccleston Lumber Company.

AFTERMATH OF THE WRECK.

No Further Recovery of Bodies Which Went Down in Wednesday Night's Gale—Cargo Being Saved.

Mr. R. V. Leonard, Wilmington agent of the schooner "Clarence H," which capsized off Cape Fear bar late Wednesday night, drowning all on board, and Mr. J. W. Brooks, of this city, have returned from the scene of the wreck of the vessel, which is on Oak Island beach, immediately in front of the life saving station. They were joined there Friday evening by Messrs. Jackson Staniland and W. A. Frink, other owners of Shallotte, and together they cut a hole in the bottom of the overturned schooner and found several barrels of rosin and other portions of the cargo. There was no trace of the four drowned men whose bodies have not been recovered. Messrs. Staniland and Frink were left in charge and yesterday Mr. Leonard received information that two bales of cotton and several barrels of rosin had floated ashore on Bald Head, but up to last night no trace of the missing bodies had been found.

Whether the vessel can be saved will not be known until Monday. Messrs. Frink and Staniland expected to take out the bottom of the schooner yesterday and ascertain whether the deck beams are all right. If so, the hull will be saved. The cabin, masts and rigging were all cut off the schooner when she went over. From a general view of the wreck it is believed that when the gale came, Capt. Wm. Lewis was at the wheel and the four other men were in the cabin. Capt. Lewis' body is the only one recovered, and across his forehead were indications of a heavy blow, probably caused by a mast striking him as the vessel went over. A physician of Southport, who made an examination of the body before it was sent to Shallotte for interment, said there was no evidence of water in the lungs as is usual when drowning occurs. The other men went overboard with the cabin.

Last night a brother of Capt. Hewlett was looking for the body along the beach, but there had been no developments at nightfall. The tug "Blanche" which came up yesterday afternoon, brought a trunk and a bundle of household goods belonging to Mr. W. H. Phillips and which were a part of the ruined cargo.

SUING HAUSER FOR DIVORCE.

Wife of Wilmington Incendiary Asks for Dissolution of Matrimonial Relations.

Suit was instituted in the Superior Court here yesterday by Mrs. Rosina Hauser who asks, upon the grounds of abandonment for the statutory period of two years, that the matrimonial relations existing between she and her husband, H. Hauser, be dissolved. It will be recalled by readers of the city papers that in Dec. 1901, Hauser was convicted of burning, by a most ingenious contrivance, his jewelry and watch-making establishment on Market street in August of the same year and that he was sentenced to a term of 10 years in the State penitentiary where he is now serving the time.

Mrs. Hauser employed Herbert McClammy, Esq., of this city, to prosecute the case and the complaint has already been filed and service of summons has been made upon the defendant in Raleigh. Mrs. Hauser is a native of New York and has spent much of her time there since the conviction of Hauser, but still retains her residency in Wilmington. In spite of strenuous objection on the part of her parents who objected to the infidelic belief of Hauser, the woman was married to him in Maine in 1897 and they had resided here until the Summer of the fire, when the husband bade her go visit her parents in New York and he would follow in a day or two. Hauser never followed and though written to several times, his arrest and confinement finally came as a good excuse. His path then was to the penitentiary and Mrs. Hauser took the road to divorce.

MR. N. E. BRADFORD TRANSFERRED.

Popular Wilmington Insurance Man Goes to Goldsboro To-day--His Successor.

Mr. N. E. Bradford, for the past year and a half the efficient and popular superintendent of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, in this city, has been transferred and given the superintendency of the company's interests in Goldsboro. This news will be received with much regret by hundreds of Mr. Bradford's friends in Wilmington where he is eminently popular. Some time ago, on account of his health, Mr. Bradford reluctantly asked for a transfer to some other point, but just then it was impossible for the company to get along without him here. However, lately Mr. W. H. Howe, of the Goldsboro office, was transferred to Raleigh and Mr. Bradford was given the place preliminary to being sent to some other of the larger cities in this or an adjoining State.

Mr. Bradford will leave this morning for Goldsboro, carrying with him the best wishes of a host of friends. The affairs of the Wilmington superintendency for the present are in charge of State Supervisor Geo. T. Hanes, of Raleigh, who will be welcomed back to the city, even for the short time he will be here.

On Its Feet Again.

Newbern *Journal*: "Manager Green announces that "The Merchant of Venice" will be the attraction at the opera house Monday night December 14th with Miss Clara Sidney as leading lady."

S. A. L. OFFICIALS.

President John Skelton Williams and Distinguished Party Arrived Last Night.

ON AN INSPECTION TOUR.

Remained Only an Hour, Returning to Hamlet—Trip Over New Line from Lumberton to Marion, S. C. Their Reception Here.

Wilmington had as its distinguished guests for an hour last night President John Skelton Williams and several other prominent officials and directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. The party is on an official inspection of the company's entire property and arrived at 8:30 o'clock last night on a special train from Charlotte and returned at 9:30 o'clock to Hamlet, whence they will leave this morning for Florida to look over the company's interests in the tropical belt. The party consists of President Williams, of Richmond; Vice President and General Manager J. M. Barr, of Portsmouth; Mr. James A. Blair, of New York, one of the recently elected directors; Superintendent A. W. Towsley, of Raleigh, and Mr. J. T. Hazen, of Richmond, private secretary to Mr. Williams. Those gentlemen with other prominent officials and directors who have left the party from time to time, started out from Portsmouth, Va., week before last on the inspection and have already visited Savannah, Atlanta and several other of the more important Seaboard points.

Friday Mr. Williams and associates went to Charlotte from Atlanta and remained over there until yesterday morning when they came down the Carolina Central. It was expected that the party would reach here as early as 6 o'clock yesterday evening, but much more time was consumed at Hamlet and other junction points than was expected. At Lumberton the train switched over to the Carolina Northern tracks and the party consumed some time in inspecting the new line from that point to Marion, S. C. The officials were met at the station here by Capt. T. D. Meares, general agent of the Seaboard in this city, and were shown over the place and the company's property here so far as the brief time at the disposal of the visitors and the darkness would permit. Had the visit been expected by the commercial bodies of the city and the time of the officials here been not so limited, no doubt a public reception of some character would have been arranged in honor of the visitors. While it is not thought that the visit of President Williams and his associates has any special significance at this time, nevertheless it would have been the idea of the commercial bodies and business people generally to have given them as favorable an impression of the city as would have been possible.

The special train consisted of the private cars of President Williams and General Manager Barr and one day coach. Capt. Mike Byrd was the conductor in charge. Note of the fact was made that the frame work of an additional large storage warehouse for the company here is now up. Wilmington is glad to have had the distinguished visitors in her midst, even for such a short time and at such an inauspicious hour.

"THE [illegible]ERN SHAKESPEARE."

Highly Satisfactory Rehearsal Last Night. New [illegible]e Being Added.

The company from the Wilmington Light Infantry which will present the charming success, "The Modern Shakespeare," at the Academy of Music on the evening of January 6th, had a highly satisfactory rehearsal with Mr. James H. Cowan, the director, in the assembly room of the armory last night. With singular lack of exception, the lines of the piece have fallen into most capable hands and the play promises to be an artistic triumph. A new and highly pleasing feature, just added, will be a fancy dance by a class from Miss Leonora Cantwell's school. The costumes will be bright and perfect and the training will be most efficient. Then there will be singing between the acts by double and triple male quartettes and spectacular drill introducing the entire military company, the enterprise of which has been shown in the arrangement for the production.

HARRIS-PARKINSON COMPANY.

Popular-Priced Entertainers Play Here Every Night Next Week—Seat Sale.

Yesterday's Raleigh *News and Observer* says: "The Harris-Parkinson Company's performance of "A True Kentuckian" last night was exceedingly cleverly done, and proved to be among the best plays produced by this excellent company, whose popular price performance have won for it a splendid reputation here in Raleigh."

The Harris Parkinson Company will open a week's engagement here tomorrow night, presenting "The Slaves of the Orient." Seats are now on sale at Plummer's.

Fire at Jacksonville.

The store building of George W. Taylor, at Jacktonville, N. C., was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning about 3 o'clock. The store of Petteway adjoining was a little damaged. This is the the third time Mr. Taylor has been burned out. The loss is estimated at about $8,000; amount of insurance not known.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Selden Jones, of Atlanta, arrived yesterday.

— Mr. T. J. Abbott, of Florence, S. C., is at The Orton.

— Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mrs. Bruce Williams and Miss Maggie Williams, of Burgaw, were here yesterday.

— Lieut. Ruder and wife and Dr. Roberts, of Fort Caswell, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mrs. P. H. Hayden and little daughter, Agnes, are guests of friends in South Washington.

— Messrs. C. L. Morgan and E A. Moore, of Waycross, Ga., arrived at The Orton yesterday.

— Miss Catharine Bland, of South Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. Rivenbark.

— Messrs. W. T. Aycock, T. S. Memory and C. H. Morrow arrived last night from Whiteville.

— Capt. J. B. Church, of Rhode Island, and H. C. Curtis, of Southport, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Miss Nora Angel left yesterday morning to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Blount, of Washington, N. C.

— Mr. Roger Moore, the Market street paving contractor, will put a force of hands to grading on the section of that thoroughfare to be paved on Monday.

— Mr. Joe N. Brittain has returned to the city and permanently located here for the repair of pianos and organs, making a specialty of the latter.

JAPAN VERSUS AMERICA.

Japanese Acrobat Assaulted White Boy Who Taunted Him With Chinc-Chinc.

Upon complaint of young William A. Wright, one of the quartette of clever little Japanese acrobats with the Mildred & Rouclere Company which closed an engagement at the Academy last night, was before Mayor Springer yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, charged with an assault. Young Wright and Master Victor Grainger, Jr., were riding a wheel—both on one—at Third and Chesnut streets yesterday morning when the "Japs" happened to be passing. One of the number understood Master Wright to call at him "Chinc, Chinc, Chinaman!" Now if there's one thing more than another that will cause the usual docile "Jap" to get into action, it is to be called a Chinaman; so when the words fell upon the "Jap's" ear, he made for the wheel upon which were perched the young Americans. The machine was overturned, the boys were thrown to the ground and the "Jap" shook one of the boys rather roughly.

Mayor Springer heard the case at 5 o'clock so that the "Jap" could leave with his company for the "next town" to-day. Messrs. W. E. Perdew and George Sloan testified to having witnessed the occurrence and Mr. James H. Cowan, lessee of the Academy, and Mr. Rouclere, manager of show, interpreted the position of the defendant to the Mayor. The "Jap" was let off with the costs, amounting to $3.55, and all hands were satisfied.

COLD WAVE TO-NIGHT.

Weather Bureau Says It's Going to be Freezing or Lower.

At 1 o'clock this morning information came from Assistant Observer Gray, at the Weather Bureau here, that a cold wave is journeying Wilmingtonward and that its arrival in this clime will be this afternoon or to-night. With wood scarce at any price and a surfeit of cold weather anyway for a week or two, the prediction is not pleasing; but the weather folks are no respecters of persons or localities, and it can't be helped. The wave is expected to bring the mercury down about 30 degrees to freezing or lower in 36 hours.

The storm predicted for last night has not so far materialized. It was central in Indiana yesterday, and is supposed to have gone up on the Lakes.

Smallpox at Mars Bluff, S. C.

The Health authorities here are advised of an epidemic of smallpox near Mars Bluff, S. C., between Wilmington and Florence, on the W., C. & A. railroad and within a few miles of the last named city. Dr. James Evans, of Florence, who went to investigate the prevalence of the disease near Mars Bluff, has gone to Columbia to confer with the State Board of Health relative to the situation. Dr. Bacot, of Florence, also visited the infected neighborhood Friday and has ordered a general vaccination. The negroes are terrified over the appearance of the disease among them and are said to be fleeing in every direction. The idea with the Wilmington authorities is to see that none of them find their way here.

Judge Brown Out of District.

Onslow Superior Court adjourned Wednesday after an unimportant session and Judge Brown left at once for his home in Washington, N. C., until after the holidays, when he is assigned to ride the Raleigh district. Judge Garland S. Ferguson, of Waynesville, N. C., will preside at the next term of court here and will try the Terry murder case.

— The institution of the new heater at St. Paul's Lutheran church has been completed and services will be held this morning at 11 o'clock as usual. All are invited.

—THE—
Daily Result!
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To Wives and Those Who Soon Will Be!

"HE" can't get off during the day, BUT you can tell him, that, commencing Monday, December 14th,

Parker, 206 North Front Street,

will keep open 'till 9 P. M., every evening 'till December 25th. Now it is "up to you."

XMAS BUYERS will find Useful and Ornamental Presents from 10 cents to $100.

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POULTRY SHOW OPENS TO-MORROW.

Tents Up on Market Street and Exhibits are Coming In—The Admission.

The third annual exhibition of poultry and pet stock under the auspices of the Wilmington Poultry Association will open to-morrow noon or as early as practicable after that time in a long tent erected by Superintendent Bonitz and a force of assistants on Market street plaza yesterday. The show promises to be quite a success. A number of out-of-town exhibits have already arrived and many others are expected to day and to-morrow. The exhibition by home fanciers will be especially large.

The canvas under which the exhibition will be given is 50x150 feet in size and a handsome, well lighted front faces on Front street. Tickets will be 15c. for adults and 10c. for children and may be purchased at the entrance. The front is a work of real art and was designed and executed in the minutest detail by Superintendent Bonitz, who is nothing short of a genius when it comes to chichen shows and the like. Mr. R. L. Simmons, of Lexington, will be the judge and every exhibitor will get a fair deal. Mr. Simmons is expected to day.

MANAGERS RETURN THANKS.

Grateful Acknowledgment to All Who Assisted With Hospital Donation.

Owing to the fact that many contributions were made to the James Walker Memorial Hospital on Donation day last month, by citizens who gave no name, and we have no way of locating them, and also that many of the ladies who gave their time and talents towards the arrangements are unknown to the Board, it was deemed advisable to make a public acknowledgment of the matter, and the following resolution was passed by the Board at its recent session, to-wit:

"On behalf of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, the Board of Managers desire to return their thanks for the generous contributions made by the public spirited citizens on donation day, and to Dr. Ackerman, medical superintendent, Miss L. P. Clark, superintendent of nurses and their associates; also to Mrs. M. S. Willard and all other ladies associated with her for the successful inauguration and consummation of the affair."

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. R FRENCH,
Sect. of the Board.

Purchased Country Site.

By deed filed for record at the Court House yesterday F. T. Mills and wife transferred to J. D. Farrior, of Wilson, N. C., for $2,000, ten and a half acres of land in Harnett township, one mile from Wilmington, on the Scott's Hill road, the same being a part of the 18-acre tract of fine land purchased last January by Mr. Mills from Mr. I. B. Rhodes.

Lost Her Wedding Ring.

Newbern *Journal*: "Mabel Paige lost her wedding ring at the Opera House last night, the case being promptly reported to the local authorities, who arrested a negro and within an hour had the ring restored to the owner."

Evaporated Peaches
AND APPLES.
100 Bxs New Crop Evap Peaches
40 Bxs New Crop Evap. Apples
500 Bags Rice, rare bargains.
1,000 Boxes Tobacco.
We have some excellent job lots at Rock Bottom prices.
2,000 Cases Canned Goods.
Prices are right. Our line covers over five hundred articles. We are in shape to take care of your business, it matters not how large or small.
Send us your orders.
D. L. GORE CO.,
Wholesale Grocer and Importers,
de 13 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Folding Bed!
For sale a double Folding Bed of Finest Quality, with Springs and Mattress. Everything as good as new. Will be sold for half its value. Has a large Mirror, and when folded is a handsome piece of furniture.
For further information apply at the
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ORANGES.
15,000 Oranges.
9,500 C. C. Nuts.
4,700 lbs Raisins.
2,100 lbs Mixed Nuts.
110 bbls Baldwin Apples.
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2,100 lbs N. C. Apples.
103 Boxes Broken Candy.
219 " Plain Candy.
187 Pails Mixed Candy.
W. B. COOPER,
de 13 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Administrator's Notice.

Having this day qualified as administrator of Albert Wrobel, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to the deceased to make immediate payment to me, and all persons to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me by or before the 1st day of December 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. This the 19th day of November, 1903.

JOSEPH MEIER,
Administrator of Albert Wrobel, deceased.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. no 22 6t su.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 13.

THE DEMOCRATIC CALL TO ARMS.

Just a month from now the National Democratic executive committee will meet at Washington, D. C., to consider the time and place of holding the next national convention which is to name the party's candidate for president. Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, has issued his call for the meeting of the committee, Jan. 12, and in this eventful period in the history of the party, there will be no doubt a full meeting of the committeemen from all the States.

Not since 1860, when the Democratic national convention had its split at Charleston over the sectional questions that then rended the party, has the situation of the Democretic party presented such a condition as it does on the eve of the meeting. In two campaigns we have been beaten upon issues which the party presented to the people, and as those questions have been settled at the ballot box in no uncertain way, it is not assumed that any time will be wasted now by the Democratic leaders in "looking backward."

That the wings of the Democratic party will now get together on new and vital questions and upon the old and true Democratic principles, there is every reason to believe. At any rate, there is at present a feeling of confidence in the outlook for the party, and it depends upon the leaders to act with statesmanlike discretion and get together in a spirit of harmony, if they desire to give the American people an opportunity to say whether they want their government conducted on lines contrary to the imperious Republican party's methods of extravagance, rashness and graft. What we desire to see is a united Democratic party in next year's campaign, and a platform and candidate that will challenge the respect of our opponents and win the support of the best men of the Union.

In view of the importance of next year's contest and the possibilities for Democratic harmony, the meeting of the national committee next month will be of the greatest possible interest and gravest concern. The greatest concern will hinge on this gathering of the leaders, for it will be the first opportunity for setting on foot the plans for a harmonious and united Democracy. From this meeting we will perhaps be able to judge what the prospects for harmony are, and from it will come come intimation of the plans upon which the party is to be reorganized to beat Roosevelt.

THE ROOSEVELT CHRONOLOGY.

Senator Ben Tillman's resolution to inquire into the status of Roosevelt's recess appointments, will take a sneak into the committee pigeon hole so deep that it can't be pulled out by its caudal extremity.

When it comes to a matter between Roosevelt and Tillman as to whether there was a recess or not between the extra session and the regular session, Republicans will be found taking their time of day from Roosevelt's Waterbury.

The South Carolina senator probably expects to have the hands of the clock turned back on him, but his resolution will serve to show that he is still in the opposition, the Roosevelt chronology to the contrary notwithstanding, nevertheless, *et omne genus*.

UNCLE SAM LOOKS AT THINGS TWO WAYS.

In recognizing the suspected Panama secession it was to the interest of Uncle Sam to do so. In refusing to recognize the successful revolutionary government of San Domingo it was likewise his interest to do so.

If the San Domingo government will settle up what it owes Uncle Sam and not attempt that repudiation scheme, he will then see what he can do about recognition.

San Domingo must be reminded that Uncle Sam can make or unmake republics, and he's got the tools to do it with, too.

Signs are unmistakable that we are on the eve of a great campaign. Leading Republicans are busy trying to clean some of the smirch from their "carracters." The doings of Governor Odell, of New York, are being so covered up by his organs that all trace of his boyhood tracks to the neighbor's watermelon patch are even obliterated.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Thomas W. Rose and Miss Estelle Velt. It is hoped for the couple's sake the newspapers will not head the marriage account, "Rose-Velt." A Rose by any other name would smell as sweet but hyphenated with Velt would make the sound something awful.

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Greensboro *Record*: "We understand that a number of contractors will put in a bid for the sewer work in Greensboro. This is the proper thing."

— The smallpox situation in Davidson county is such that two pesthouses will be built—one for whites and one for negroes. There were 115 cases of smallpox in the county in November. Eight patients died.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: The reporter has within the past two or three years seen and eaten remarkably fine pecan nuts grown in the vicinity of Fayetteville, with which it was said that the trees were well laden. If the pecan will flourish on this soil and in this climate, fruiting abundantly and excellently, why would not its extensive cultivation prove profitable.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Senator Gorman and Senator Simmons do well to demand a thorough investigation of the postal scandals. The President seems determined to unload the whole crime upon certain officials, who ought to be punished, but to deny that full investigation necessary to ascertain all the real culprits, to the end that the punishment may be made to fit the crime.

— Lexington *Dispatch*: The most interesting feature of the season will be the Bazaar to be held in Hedrick's Hall Wednesday, December 16th, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, for the benefit of the Davidson County Monument Fund. Though this undertaking is under the direct control of the Daughters, it is a cause which should be very near the the hearts of all Davidson county people, who, we are sure, feel some share in the erection of this monument to our Confederate dead.

— Raleigh *Post*: It has been definitely decided that Raleigh's dispensary will be located on Exchange Place. In fact the three adjacent store rooms now occupied by the saloons of John D. Smith, R. W. Young & Co. and J. M. Nixon have been rented for the purposes of the dispensary. It is very probable that some arrangement can be made with the city finance committee, so the dispensary commission think, by which money can be advanced from the city treasury early in the new year to take advantage of the discounts that are offered by most of the dealers on the orders that have been placed. If this can be done, it will be, the commissioners think, quite a saving for the dispensary, increasing the profits materially.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: According to the *Christian World*, the negroes of the South, but a generation removed from slavery, are to-day the owners of 130,000 farms, valued at $650,000,000; 150,000 homes outside the farm ownership, valued at $265,000,000, and personal property valued at $165,000,000. The white people of the South rejoice in the progress and success of its negro population. Southern white men have ever been ready to assist those who are industrious and thrifty. The negro is doing well here—those who stick to the farms and to the trades they have learned, and it is here their highest development has been reached, and here lies their best hope for the future.

— Raleigh *Post*: The stockholders of the defunct Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Newbern having undertaken to settle up its affairs, have urged all depositors to present their claims for immediate payment. This, aside from the liability feature of the stockholders, which they assumed without hesitation, evidences another feature which is not to be overlooked, but which is gratifying withal. There was more than $100,000 in cash to be raised to make good the losses of depositors alone because of the ruin of the bank by its cashier. One hundred thousand dollars is no small amount of cash to be handled in one lump in any community; yet the general condition of the city and section, and substantial character of the stockholders themselves were so good that these gentlemen have raised the money, and will pay every cent of the proved liabilities of the bank, though it amounts to a loss of all stock.

Let us Pay

For a 50c. Bottle of Liquozone, to Show You What it is.

If you suffer from a germ trouble, let us buy a bottle of Liquozone and give it to you to try. It is liquid oxygen—the best thing in the world for you. And in germ diseases it does what all medical skill cannot do without it.

We had faith enough in it to pay $100,000 for the simple right to make it. We know its results so well that we will gladly pay for your test. Won't you, if you need it—in simple fairness to yourself—have faith enough to send us this coupon?

Just Oxygen.

Liquozone is simply liquid oxygen—no drugs, no alcohol in it. It is the discovery of Pauli, the great German chemist, who spent 20 years on it. His object was to get such an excess of oxygen in staple form into the blood that no germ could live in any membrane or tissue.

Oxygen is life to an animal—the very source of vitality. We would die in three minutes without it. In this liquid form its effects are exhilarating, purifying, vitalizing. But germs are vegetables, and this excess of oxygen is deadly to vegetable matter.

We Offer $1,000

on every bottle of Liquozone for a germ that it cannot kill. And there is no other way to kill germs in the body without killing the tissues, too. Any germ-killing drug is a poison to you, and it cannot be taken internally. Medicine never destroys inside germs.

We spend 14 days in making each bottle of Liquozone, yet we offer you the first bottle free. And we supply it to physicians and hospitals everywhere at almost cost. In this fair way we are trying to introduce this product to everyone who needs it. If you will be as fair with yourself, we will gladly show you how any germ disease can be cured.

Germ Diseases.

These are the known germ diseases. All that medicine can do for these troubles is to help Nature overcome the germs, and such results are indirect and uncertain. Liquozone kills the germs, wherever they are, and the results are inevitable. By destroying the cause of the trouble, it invariably ends the disease, and forever.

Asthma	Hay Fever—Influenza
Abscess—Anemia	Kidney Diseases
Bronchitis	La Grippe
Blood Poison	Leucorrhœa
Bright's Disease	Liver Troubles
Bowel Troubles	Malaria—Neuralgia
Coughs—Colds	Many Heart Troubles
Consumption	Piles—Pneumonia
Colic—Croup	Pleurisy—Quinsy
Constipation	Rheumatism
Catarrh—Cancer	Skin Diseases
Dysentery—Diarrhœa	Scrofula—Syphilis
Dandruff—Dropsy	Stomach Troubles
Dyspepsia	Throat Troubles
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All diseases that begin with fever—all inflammation—all catarrh—all contagious diseases—all the results of impure or poisoned blood.

In nervous debility Liquozone acts as a vitalizer, accomplishing what no drugs can do.

50c. Bottle Free.

If you need Liquozone, and have never tried it, please send us this coupon. We will then mail you an order on your local druggist for a full-size bottle, and we will pay your druggist ourselves for it. This is our free gift, made to convince you; to show you what Liquozone is, and what it can do. In justice to yourself, please accept it to-day, for it places you under no obligation whatever.

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My disease is.....

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Any physician or hospital not yet using Liquozone will be gladly supplied for a test.

TWINKLINGS.

— Jack Nervy—I'm going to kiss you when I leave this house tonight. May Kuteley—Leave the house this instant, sir!—*Philadelphia Prses.*

— "I see that shorthand writing was known to the early Egyptians." "Well, I'll bet they got it from the Chinese laundry bills."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— White Mouse—Mr. Longear is getting to be quite a bohemian these days. Black Mouse—You don't say! White Mouse—Yes; he is always lazy and shabby and he's getting fond of stale cheese.—*Chicago News.*

— Husband—I've got a dandy cook coming to-morrow. She says she will stay with us for six months. Wife—John, I won't have her in the house a minute. A woman who will lie like that will certainly steal.—*Judge.*

— Mamma; Johnny, do you know what day to-morrow will be? Johnny; Yes, mamma; my birthday. Mamma; And what would you like for the occasion? Johnny (after a pause)—I'd like to see our school house burn down.—*Chicago News.*

— Jones—If Mr. Oldboy makes any such assertion I will denounce him as a liar. President—Mr. Jones, I call you to order. Our by-laws do not allow you to go that far. Jones—Then I call Mr. Oldboy a liar as far as it is permitted by the by-laws of this association.—*Tit-Bits.*

— Mr. Borden—I'll have some of that sausage, please, Mrs. Starvem. By the way, what was all that racket out in the yard last night? Mrs. Starvem—O, that was our poor pussy cat. A dog got in and killed her, and — Mr. Borden—Er—Never mind that sausage. I'm really not hungry.

— "I suppose you heard that Gayboy was taken suddenly ill this morning and died this afternoon," said the first suburbanite. "No!" replied the other. "Well! Well! Ushered into eternity, eh? By the way, that reminds me, have you got the furnace fire going at your house yet?"—*Denver Post.*

— Her Conclusion — "Do you think your father has any idea that I have serious intentions concerning you?" "I heard him telling mother the other day that he didn't think it would cost any more to have you at the table regularly than it does for me to feed you from the pantry shelves every night."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

— Mrs. Gillhooley made an afternoon call on Mrs. Mahooley. Mrs. Gillhooley spent most of the afternoon in narrating her husband's misconduct, and both agreed that he was a very mean man. "Mrs. Gilhooley," said Mrs. Mahooley, going to the cupboard, "will you have a little water in yer gin?" "Lord, no," said Mrs. Gillhooley, "I'm in trouble enough without that."—*Cleveland Leader.*

CHILDREN.

IF YOU HAVE ANY THIS WILL INTEREST YOU.

"So many little boys and girls come into our store who are weak, thinlegged and hollow-cheeked," said Mr. Bellamy, our well-known druggist, "it seems a shame to allow them to remain so, for they will grow up into weak, sickly and nervous men and women, without the vitality to work or enjoy life."

"If," continued Mr. Bellamy, "the fathers and mothers of such children would believe what we say of Vinol, we would see a great difference in the appearance of the younger generation of this city. You know Vinol is not a patent medicine, and is just the tonic growing children need. It will make for them good, healthy flesh, sound bone, hard muscle and rich, red blood.

"True, Vinol is a cod liver oil preparation, but it does not contain a drop of oil, or any bad tasting feature. It is so delicious that all children love it, yet it actually does contain all the medicinal curative elements found in fresh cods' livers, and is the most wholesome and best medicine for children we ever sold.

"We have many letters from grateful mothers whose children owe their health, and even life, to Vinol. The following letter from Mrs. C. Allen, of New Bedford, Mass., tells what Vinol did for her children. She writes:

"With two puny, ailing children, I was very much worried, and did not know what to do to create strength for them and to have them gain flesh. I tried almost everything, and as a last resort Vinol, and the benefit from that was great in a very short time. They are rapidly gaining flesh and strength, and I am satisfied Vinol will do as much for other children."

It is because we know what Vinol will do that we guarantee if it fails to make your children well, rugged and rosy, to refund your money. Robt. R. Bellamy.

CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th; also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

W. J. CRAIG,
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For Over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for 'Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind.

Reduced Rates—Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Charlotte, N. C., North Carolina State Baptist Convention. Tickets sold Dec 4th, 9th and 10th; final limit Dec. 16th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

Services at Seamen's Bethel this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Mr. Hogue. The public invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Rev. C. W. Kegley, supply pastor: Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Preaching at 4:30 P. M. Public cordially invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley pastor: Sunday school at 9:45 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M.; services at 7:30 P. M. Every person welcome.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison Bank building, first floor: Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of lesson-sermon: "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" All are invited.

Preaching Sunday at Second Advent church by the pastor, Elder J. W. S. Harvey. Morning service 11 A. M. Evening service 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Thursday night 7:30 P. M. Seats free—all welcome.

St. John's church, corner of Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector: Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 13th, 1903. Holy communion 7:45 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday school 3:45 P. M. Seats free. Strangers especially invited.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— Our neighbor, Gadsden, Ala., declines the Cargegie library proposition—not because the people don't want to read books but then they think they can get them a bit cheaper than the Laird of Scibo wants to charge them.—*Chattanooga Times.*

— In the National House of Representatives the chances are against a man's getting on the River and Harbor Committee unless he comes from a prairie or mountain district. Still, when a Virginia Legislature puts only one Tidewater representative on its commission to report on the oyster question, this State is not in the best position to throw stones.—*Norfolk Landmark.*

— While Spain still yields 32,800 tons of cork annually, worth $6,000,000, Italy's production has decreased to 4,000 tons ($250,000 worth.) Italy used to have splendid cork forests, but they have been felled for charcoal and for potash. Seventy-five years ago England's supply of corks came altogether from Italy.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

— An Italian cobbler fought with a Chinese laundryman in Manhattan over a stovepipe job done by a German mechanic. A Hebrew tailor tried to make peace and a crowd of negroes gathered to see the sport. An Irish policeman arrested the Chinaman and an American surgeon bandaged the Italian. Where else in the world could all this have happened? Incidentally, they were all Americans, come to think of it.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Frequently the Case.

"Yes," she said bitterly, "he's a bigamist."

"A bigamist!" they cried.

"Alas, yes!" she said. "Although I didn't know it at the time, he was wedded to his business at the time he married me, and the worst of it is that he still deems that first wife the more important."—Chicago Post.

His Complacent View.

Cadleigh—Pardon me, but it must be pretty tough to be married to a strong-minded woman.

Henpeck—Oh, it has its advantages! When my wife thinks she hears burglars downstairs she won't trust me to go down and investigate.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Getting Rid of Him.

"I am fixing up a surprise for John, but I am afraid that if he stays around the house he will discover me."

"That's all right. You just tie a towel around your head and ask him if he can't stay at home today and help you take up the carpets."—Baltimore News.

Past the Other Ages.

"Miss Passay, I believe, declares she hasn't yet reached the proper age to marry."

"I suppose she considers dotage the proper age then."—Philadelphia Press.

Injudicious Intellectuality.

Victoria—Our club papers are too long.

Virginia—I think so. Twice, now, I've had to come home before refreshments.—Detroit Free Press.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy, druggist.

SHE KNEW.

Little Margaret's Answer to a Question In Religion.

Little Margaret had given her dog the dignified and not generally bestowed upon dogs name of Stephen. This being rather difficult for everyday pronunciation, much coaxing and various tidbits finally induced Stephen, the dignified, to come in answer to the more intimate and endearing term "Teevie."

There came a sorrowful day when Teevie could not be found in any of his accustomed spots.

That night before sobbing herself to sleep Margaret finished her prayer, "O Lord, please find Teevie and bring him back."

After repeating this for several nights her mother thought she would save the child's faith from too severe a strain, so suggested that she stop praying for Stephen's return, but wait patiently. She imagined time might efface the idea and leave her little girl with a faith still implicit. Some three weeks afterward she sat down to teach her the next Sunday's lesson.

"Who is God, Margaret?" she asked.

"God is our Father," replied the child.

"And where is God?" the mother continued.

The child's face wore a puzzled expression for a second; then she exclaimed delightedly:

"Oh, I know! He's off hunting Teevie."—New York Times.

Knew His Lines.

"Did I understand you to say that our old friend Barnstormer was married?" asked the low comedian.

"Your understanding is still doing stunts," replied the heavy weight soubrette. "He married the daughter of a poultry dealer."

"Barnstormer always did have an eye to business," rejoined the low comedian. "He knows the value of eggs."—Chicago News.

The New Fad.

"What did you do with my samples of pyrography?" asked the girl who had just returned from college.

"What is pyrography, darter?" queried her rural pa.

"Why, pyrography is the art of burning wood."

"Gosh! Then I helped yeou. I put all the samples in the stove."—Brooklyn Life.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 13.

STEAMERS.

Devonshire, (Br) 2,364 tons, Coull, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Scarthoe, (Br) 2,535 tons, Hall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Maffitt.

Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Maffitt.

Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Maffitt.

C C Lister, 367 tons, Moore, C D Maffitt.

Ida C Southard, 718 tons, Blake, C D Maffitt.

Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpot, C D Maffitt.

BRIGS.

Sullivan, 295 tons, McNeil, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Telefon, (Nor) 711 tons, Olsen, Heide & Co.

Kampfjord, (Nor) 743 tons, Christiansen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—69 bales cotton, 29 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—145 bales cotton, 3 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—2,687 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 117 barrels rosin, 113 barrels tar, 92 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—204 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 23 barrels rosin, 29 barrels tar.

Steamer Highlander—3 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 200 barrels rosin, 79 barrels tar, 48 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Sanders—34 bales cotton.

Total—3,142 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine, 340 barrels rosin, 236 barrels tar, 142 barrels crude turpentine.

Averages a Gross Per Month.

I have many calls for Cheney's Expectorant. A single test is all that's necessary to convince people of its value. You may send me C. O. D. 1 gross, and oblige,

HENRY E. LAMPKIN,

St. Louis, Mo.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing of the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 12.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 50½c; rosin steady at $1.30@1.35; tar firm at $1.40; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	28
Rosin	340
Tar	236
Crude turpentine	142

Receipts same day last year—32 casks spirits turpentine, 336 barrels rosin, 282 barrels tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 12c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—8,142 bales; same day last year, 1,837.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm, Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 65@70c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 22@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 35@40c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 13½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5¼@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 40@45c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Money on call nominal; no loans transactions; time loans were quoted steady; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.35@483.40 for demand and 479.90@480 for sixty day bills. The posted rates were 480¾@481 and 484@484½. Commercial bills 479¾@479¼. Bar silver 55¾. Mexican dollars 41¼. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 105½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107¼; do. coupon, 107¾; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133½; do. coupons 133½; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 113¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87½; Chesapeake & Ohio 33¼; Manhattan L 143¼; New York Central 117½; Reading 43½; do. 1st preferred 76½; do. 2nd preferred 58; St. Paul 140¾; do. pref'd, 171½; Southern Railway 20¾; do. pref'd 76¾; Amalgamated Copper 44¾; People's Gas 97¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 31¼; U. S. Leather 7¼; U. S. Leather, preferred, 75½; Western Union 86½; U. S. Steel 10½; do. preferred 53¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 24½; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 93 bid; sales — shares. Standard Oil 660.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 12.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13 bid; do. preferred, 22@23; do. bonds, fours, 71½ bid. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 110 asked; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $3 25. Spirits turpentine steady 50¾@60c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 12.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels: A, B, C, $3 10; D, $3 10, E, $3 10; F, $3 10; G, $3 15; H, $3 25; I, $3 45; K, $3 70; M, $3 90; N, $3 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 12.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56c; receipts — casks; sales — casks; exports — casks. Rosin was firm; receipts — barrels; sales — barrels; exports — barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $3 20; D, $3 20; E, $3 20; F, $3 20; G, $3 30; H, $3 35; I, $3 55; K, $3 80; M, $3 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The cotton market opened steady, four points lower to two points higher, and following the call continued rather quiet but irregular and generally steady to firm around last night's prices. Cables were a little below expectations, due it was reported to selling by American exporters, and a local trade authority published rather a bearish crop report, but the port receipts for the day promised to be moderate and the weather in the South was rather unfavorable to the movement. It was also argued that a large short interest has recently accumulated that might be forced to cover in case of continued bull aggression, and between one thing and another sentiment was very unsettled with the average operator showing a tendency to await further developments before trading in other than a scalping fashion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Cotton quiet at 12.45c; net receipts 115 bales; gross receipts 12,400 bales; stock 68,562 bales.

Cotton futures closed barely steady: December 12.03, January 12.14, February 12.26, March 12.37, April 12.41, May 12.46, June 12.43, July 12.44, August 12.14.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 12.45; middling gulf 12.70c; sales — bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 39,717 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,374 bales; exports to France 17,276 bales; exports to the Continent 16,148 bales; Japan 9,750 bales; stock 897,050 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 39,717 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,374 bales; exports to France 17,276 bales; exports to the Continent 16,148 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,371,292 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,372,473 bales; exports to France 740,733 bales; exports to the Continent 1,396,456 bales.

Dec. 12.—Galveston, firm at 12c, net receipts 11,819 bales; Norfolk, steady at 12¾c, net receipts 3 508 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 13.35c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 12 45, net receipts 57 bales; Wilmington, steady at 13c, net receipts 3,142 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 12.70c, net receipts 58 bales; Savannah, steady at 13c, net receipts 8,659 bales; New Orleans, steady at 13¼c, net receipts 10,987 bales; Mobile, firm at 13c, net receipts 730 bales; Memphis, steady at 13c, net receipts 1,930 bales; Augusta, firm at 13¼c, net receipts 1,892 bales; Charleston, quiet at 11¾c, net receipts 652 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Flour was neglected but steady; winter patents $4 00@4 35; Minnesota patents $4 55@4 75; Minnesota bakers' $3 70@3 85. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 89¾c. Options lost some of their bullishness this morning under sales for long account. Late in the session wheat rallied on war talk and closed steady at ¼@½c net decline: May closed 85¼c; July closed 81¼c; December closed 90c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 —. Option market opened firmer on the rain and snow through the West, but later followed the wheat decline all round, the close was dull and not quite so fast; May closed 49¼c; December —. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2 41¼c, —ard steady; Western steam $6 90; refined dull; continent $7 20; coupon 6¼@6¾. Pork family $15 25@15 50; short clear $13 00@15 50; mess $12 75@13 50. Butter dull and weak; extra creamery 25c; State dairy 15@23. Cheese quiet; State full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 13@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 12@2 25. Cabbage firm; domestic, per 100 $6 00@10 00; per barrel $1 50@2 25. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3¼c; centrifugal 96 test 3¾c; molasses sugar 2¾c; refined dull; confectioner's $4 30; mould A $4 40; cut loaf $5 05; crushed $5 05; powdered $4 55; granulated $4 45; cubes $4 70. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 31c. Rice quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@5¾c; Japan nominal. Molasses firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice 31@38. Tallow firm; city ($3 per package) 4¼c; country (package free) 4¼@4¾c. Cotton seed oil was dull but firm at the recent advance, closing as follows: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 36@37; prime summer yellow 35@35½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 37@38c; prime winter yellow 36@40c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Heavy snows in the winter wheat States and big deliveries on December contracts caused weakness in wheat to day, but the close was steady at the decline, May being off ¾@¾c. May corn closed ½c lower and May oats a shade higher. Provisions made gains ranging from 2½@5c to 17½@20c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Cash prices: Flour—Market was steady at the quotations: winter patents $4 00@4 20; straights $3 70@4 10; spring patents $4 00@4 30; straights $3 50@3 75; bakers' $3 40@3 25. Wheat—No 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 78@81c; No. 2 red 81½@84½c. Corn—No. 2 41¾; No. 2 yellow 44c. Oats—No. 2 35½c; No. 3 white 34¾@35c. Rye—No. 2 51c. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 50@11 62½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 47½@6 50. Short rib sides, loose, $6 12½@6 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 12½@6 25. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 25.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 79¼, 79¼, 78¾, 78¾c; May 81¾@81¾, 81¾, 80¾, 81¼@81¾c; July 77@77¼, 77¼, 76¾, 76¾c. Corn—No. 2 December 42¾, 42¾, 41¾, 41¾c; May 43¾@43¾, 43¾, 43¾, 43¾@43¾; July 43¾@43¾, 43¾, 43@43½, 43½. Oats—No. 2 December 34½@34¾, 35¼, 34¾@34¾, 35¼c; May 36¾@36¾, 37@37¼, 36¾, 36¾@37c; July 34¼, 34¼, 34¾, 34½c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 27½, 11 47½, 11 27½, 11 45; May $11 73½, 11 85, 11 65, 11 82½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 45, 6 50, 6 45, 6 50; May $6 65, 6 67½, 6 62½, 6 67½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 10, 6 17½, 6 07½, 6 17½; May $6 27½, 6 35, 6 25, 6 35.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Coffee—Spot Rio nominal; No. 7 invoice 6 15-16c; mild firm; Cordova 7¾@12¼c. The market for futures opened at a decline of 10 to 30 points, following the break in the European markets. On the opening basis the market attracted covering and fair support from bullish interests so that part of the loss was recovered, the market closing steady at a net loss of 5 to 15 points. Sales 116,250 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 12.—Cotton: Spot quiet, with prices eight points higher; American middling fair 7.02d; good middling 6.86d; middling 6.76d; low middling 6.70d; good ordinary 6.60d; ordinary 6.40d. The sales of the day were 4,000 bales, of which 900 bales were for speculation and export and included 3,700 bales American. Receipts 37,000 bales, including 33,300 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed steady; American middling (g o c): December 6.62@6.63d; December and January 6.58d; January and February 6.53@6.54d; February and March 6.52d; March and April 6.50@6.51d; April and May 6.49d; May and June 6.48d; June and July 6.46d; July and August 6.43d; August and September 6.30d.

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HUMOR

GARDENING FOR HEALTH.

Why Mr. Morenstout Was Compelled to Quit It.

"There's nothing organic," said the doctor when he had finished his examination; "you simply eat too much for the amount of exercise you take. See here, Morenstout; you have a nice big garden; why don't you make up your mind to work it yourself this year?"

"By jinks, I will!" decided Mr. Morenstout rashly on the spur of the moment.

On his way home from the doctor's office he laid in the necessary implements of husbandry and without giving his ardor time to cool at once set to work. It was a fine, warm afternoon, and by the time he had raked up the dead leaves and cleaned up the garden he was in a splendid perspiration and a magnificent glow.

"My dear," confided Mr. Morenstout to his wife that evening, "the doctor certainly knew what he was talking about. I haven't felt like taking even one dyspepsia tablet since dinner nor have I been so ready for bed in I don't know when. By George, it is glorious, glorious to feel this way! Tomorrow I'll begin spading up the flower beds. This is elegant."

The next day Morenstout's muscles were pretty sore from the unusual exercise, but he persisted in his determination, and the soreness wore off, while his enthusiasm increased. In fact, as the spring wore on he became a nuisance and a terror, as he insisted upon descanting on his gardening to all his friends to the exclusion of every other topic. Then he suddenly stopped advising all of us to work our gardens ourselves and feel like new men. It was mysterious and inexplicable, and at last, as Morenstout's silence continued unbroken, I was appointed a committee, with full discretionary powers, to find out what had happened.

"Have you quit gardening?" I therefore asked him one day.

Morenstout nodded a rueful assent.

"Too much for you, eh?" I jeered.

"No; it was grand—simply grand," he replied regretfully. "If I were you I'd"—

"What made you give it up, then?" I interrupted.

"Bridget," he sighed.

"Your cook?" I cried. "Why, how?"

"She gave my wife warning," he explained sadly, "and when she wanted to know why Bridget said scornfully, 'Shure, Oi'll not demane mesilf by workin' fer ahny man mane enough to take the bread out av a poor man's mout' by workin' his gyardin himsilf, so Oi'll not.' And so of course I had to quit."—Alex Ricketts in New York Times.

THE RUSSIAN ARMY.

The Cossacks are a peculiarly prominent feature in the Russian military organization. They give their military services for fifteen years, in return for which they pay no taxes.

Every year nearly 1,000,000 Russians become liable for service, but of these only 270,000 enter the active army, the remainder being passed direct into the militia for twenty-two years.

In the matter of equipment the Russian army is up to date in every particular. It has a special balloon department, cyclist corps—even dogs are pressed into the service of the great white czar.

The czar of Russia commands the greatest armed force in the world. His army consists of 1,555 battalions of infantry, 1,253 squadrons of cavalry and 3,778 cannon. Every nationality overland from Europe to China is represented in this composite army.

Each man in the cyclist corps carries a certain amount of luggage on his bicycle, consisting of a copper drinking cup and cooking vessel, a small canteen and the same amount of ammunition as an ordinary infantryman. The cavalry carry leather or skin sacks, which, inflated, serve as floats for both man and horse when crossing rivers.

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Country J., 2:10½, is reported "still lame, but not so lame as he has been."

W. Haines of Buffalo has sold the pacer Hal Parker, 2:11¾, to parties in Johnstown, Pa.

Nella J., 2:14¼, caught cold in her recent shipment north from Kentucky, but did not get seriously sick.

E. D. Penn of Dorchester, Mass., has bought the bay gelding King Princeps, 2:15, for road and matinee use.

The Hamilton (O.) track is to be extensively improved and an effort made to make it the fastest half mile ring in the Buckeye State.

I. Hecht of Philadelphia is reported to have purchased "an unknown trotter with a record below 2:09" to win the matinee championship.

The trotting mare Aerolite, 2:19¼, by Acolyte, 2:21, who showed well over Ohio half mile tracks last year, has been sent to George Saunders.

C. R. Jamison of Bonnatella, 2:10, and Minnie McGregor, 2:14¾, will race Cobbett, 2:11½; H. J. P., 2:13¼; Mattie Smeltz, 2:16¼, and Bankwood, 2:20¼.

Ruth M., 2:12½, one of the speediest but about the worst mannered mare on the grand circuit last season, is to have a new driver this year in Alta McDonald.

ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

Dick Turpin's pistol was sold in London recently for £5 5s.

In nine and a half hours the police saw 118 men, 719 women and 25 boys and girls visit a Kirkdale (Liverpool) public house.

Two oak trees have just been planted in Colchester, England, which were raised from acorns taken seven years ago from the crop of a wood pigeon.

For picking up and kissing a little boy in the street a Birmingham (England) man has been fined 40 shillings, or one month's hard labor, for assault.

In leaving his residuary estate to his sons only Mr. A. Holmes, a Bingley (England) brewer, said he did so not because his sons were dearer to him than his daughter, but because he considered that men have a harder struggle in life.

According to Sir James Crichton-Browne, the modern Englishman is physically a degenerate and chiefly because of dyspeptic troubles. The growing frequency of appendicitis is, he thinks, due to the weakened digestive apparatus and insufficient mastication of food.

A Colossal Picture.

M. Georges Bertrand of Paris, after eight years of labor, has just finished what is probably the largest picture ever painted. It covers 150 square yards of canvas. It represents the funeral of President Carnot at the Pantheon, through the open doors of which is seen a gorgeous catafalque surrounded by the most prominent men of France, while the foreign ambassadors, after saluting the coffin, pass before the catafalque.

New Advertising Scheme.

One of the features of the new underground railway in New York is that every station as it is being approached will be indicated by a device at the head of each car and in plain view of all passengers. The name of the station is automatically displayed, and the change is made directly after leaving each station. By this means the name of the station at which the next stop will be made can always be ascertained without being compelled to follow the indistinguishable calls of the attendants.

In adapting this system for trolley cars T. A. Reader of Ann Arbor, Mich., who has recently been given a patent on his apparatus, has combined the indicator with an advertising feature by which he hopes to make the indicator a source of profit to the company, as well as a convenience to the passengers. As the sign changes after each street has been passed it also throws into full view the name of some business firm. It is especially designed that this shall be the name of some firm doing business in the immediate vicinity of the street indicated, so that it will be apparent that passengers who are desirous of visiting this establishment must alight at the point indicated. It is not necessary, however, that this should be strictly adhered to, and the cards of firms may be inserted promiscuously if desired.

Wonders of Insect Life.

As about 80,000 new species of insects are named annually it is not surprising that our knowledge of these forms of life must be increased very greatly since the issue of the ninth edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica. In the supplementary volumes Dr. Sharpe in his article, "Insects," presents a summary of recent progress in entomology. It is estimated by some authors that the entire insect world numbers something like 10,000,000 forms, of which many are still unknown to science. As a large number of species must be in process of extinction Dr. Sharpe concludes that it is probable that a considerable proportion of the species of insects now existing will have disappeared from the face of the earth before specimens have been either discovered or preserved. It is interesting to reflect that science, omnivorous and all collecting, may be distanced in the attempt to catalogue the inhabitants of a very small earth.—Leslie's Weekly.

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In this line of goods we have just received 150 new novels, all cloth bound and splendid print; all representing standard works. We will sell on Monday our 25c books for 9c each, only one to a customer. In toy books, Christmas cards and calendars, we are handling Raphael Tuck's line known the world over as the best there is in it. We sell children's books from 5c to $1.25. Christmas cards from 1c up to 25c; calendars from 5c up to 75c each. Our books are all on display and we will be glad to have you look them over. We have a full supply of horses, mechanical toys, guns and toys of all kinds for the boys.

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We are expecting in Monday a big shipment of new cloaks. Our trade in this department has been phenomenal, never half so good before. We have lots of them on hand now that we are selling from $2 75 up to $12.50 each. Our $4, $5, $6 and $7 cloaks are new and stylish and the prices are right. If you give them a look you will be sure to buy. In our line of Military Cloaks we have had to make three additional orders by express this week. They seem to be what the ladies want, as they can easily recognize the style and value. The prices are from $7.50, $9, $10 and $12.50 each.

Children's Cloaks.

We are selling lots of children's Cloaks. In buying this Fall we were very liberal and bought a great many and we must sell them, and for the next three weeks we will make special prices and offer a rebate of 10 per cent. on children's and infant's small and long Cloaks; ages from one to five years old.

Furs.

For a Christmas present there is hardly anything nicer than a Fur Collarette and they are sure to please the ladies. We have them at all prices from $1 to $15 each. Our $2 50 to $5 Furs are beauties and ladies always appreciate a good Fur. We have a great many to show and can suit you as to price and quality.

We look well after your wants and will do all in our power to please you. We will punch your card with any purchase except toys, and give you a present free at the Big Racket Store,

Geo. O. Gaylord,

PROPRIETOR.

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Closing Out Ladies' Hats!

I will begin this week to close out my Ready-to-wear-Hats.

$2 75 Hats for $1.50; $4.00 Velvet Hats for $1.48; Misses' $1.87 Hats $1.25; 88c Imitation Beaver Hat 48c; $1.50 Trimmed Hat 65c.

Just received a new lot fine Kid Gloves, worth $1, $1.25, $1 50 for 69c. Large Lace Collars 50c, $1, $1.75, $2.50; they are one-third less than you can get them elsewhere.

A big lot Facinators, Shawls and Cloaks for Children and Ladies at all prices. Fine lot long Silk Coats. Sweaters $1 98. Furs at half price. Silk Mufflers for Holidays. All styles of Silk, Flannel and Cotton Waists.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,121,999 44	Capital	$ 200,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	250,000 00	Surplus and net profits	102,508 60
Bank Building	20,500 00	Circulation	2 0,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	712 1 6 94	Deposits	1,627,149 88
	$2 229,658 98		$2,229,658 98

Comparative statement of deposits.
Nov. 17th, 1901, $672,308 88. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,000 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,627,149 88.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,
J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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SHIPPERS NOTICE.

The Steamer Highlander will leave Mondays and Thursdays, and the Steamer City of Fayetteville Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 P. M. for Fayetteville. Gate will close at 3:30 P. M., and no freight will be received for steamer leaving at 4 after 3:30.

T. D. LOVE, Agent.

South Atlantic Transit Co.

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SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10 00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3 00 P. M.	5.17 P. M.	5.00 P. M.
†6 10 P. M.	7 03 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10 30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
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Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrive Lumberton 5:38 p. m., Pembroke 5:00 p m, Maxton 6.45 p m, Hamlet 7:25 p m. Arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 9:15 a m, Pembroke 2.55 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 6:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:55 a m, Pembroke 10:02 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:40 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:40 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:30 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 25 a m	1 35 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 55 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Athens	3 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	3 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	2 20 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 5 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 36 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 45 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 13 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 01 p m	9 55 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 55 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 35 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 55 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 53 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 38 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 08 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 01 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 20 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 20 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 20 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 35 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

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CARIB.....Saturday, Dec. 26

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19 State Street, New York.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

[Time Table No. 16

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 33	Kinston	10 19	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 27	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 52	7 27
P M	P. M.		A M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 4.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 13.

DIED OF HEART DISEASE.

John R. Proctor, of Kentucky, President of the Civil Service Commission and Confederate Veteran.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—John R. Proctor, of Kentucky, president of the United States Civil Service Commission, and an intimate friend of President Roosevelt, died of angina pectoris at the Cosmos Club in this city to day, aged 59 years. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt were shocked at the news. They called personally at the club house and spent considerable time at Mr. Proctor's bedside. Then the President returned to the White House, Mrs. Roosevelt remaining with Mrs. Proctor.

Funeral arrangements are deferred, pending the arrival of a son, Lieutenant Andrew Morton Proctor, in charge of a torpedo boat, now stationed at the Norfolk navy yard. Another son, John R. Proctor, Jr., is lieutenant of artillery, United States army.

Mr. Proctor was 59 years old. He was born and brought up on a farm in Kentucky. He left the University of Pennsylvania to enlist in the Confederate army in 1864, remaining in the service until the close of the war. He returned to Kentucky and pursued scientific studies, becoming State geologist. He was appointed by President Cleveland a member of the civil service commission ten years ago, at the suggestion of Mr. Roosevelt, then a member of the commission, who had met Mr. Proctor during a trip to Kentucky.

N. C. BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rev. J. C. Massee Makes Declaration Concerning Editors of Daily Papers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 12.—In the Baptist State convention here to-day, Rev. J. C. Massee, pastor of the Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle, speaking of the church paper, said:

"I believe the day will come when the license of editors of our great daily papers will have to be curtailed. These editors are exerting too much influence and power over the popular mind, too often not wisest and best, and I believe the day is not far distant when the government will have to lay the strong arm of the law on the press and repress abuses."

Mr. Massee believed that this condition laid a great burden on the religious press to correctly lead and fairly interpret the aspect of racial problems.

A number of delegates immediately asked for recognition and Rev. H. W. Battle vigorously protested against the declaration of Mr. Massee.

WATCHING COLOMBIA.

Making Every Effort to Run Down Reports of Expeditions to the Isthmus.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Navy Department has received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Glass, announcing that he is making every effort to run down the various reports regarding Colombian expeditions to the isthmus. He has ordered the Mayflower to the mouth of the Atrato river to make a thorough investigation, and if necessary a reconnoisance of that region also will be made to definitely ascertain whether there are any Colombian troops in that section.

The Atlanta has also been ordered to patrol the northern coast of the isthmus on the same mission. The commanders of both vessels are under instructions to conduct their investigation with all possible dispatch and return to Colon so that the Navy Department may have a full official report of the exact situation.

MINISTER TO PANAMA.

W. I. Buchanan of New York Selected and Appointed by the President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The President has selected W. I. Buchanan, of New York, to be the first United States minister to Panama. His selection was brought about by a desire on the part of the President to secure, temporarily at least and during the crystallization of the relations between the United States and Panama, the services of a trained and experienced diplomatic representative, having special reference to his knowledge of the Latin-American races. By reason of long service as minister to the Argentine Republic Mr. Buchanan fills that position.

The new minister was originally from Ohio, and represented that State as an agriculturist commissioner at the World's Fair at Chicago. He was appointed by President Cleveland United States minister to Buenos Ayres.

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Averages of the Associated Banks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows: Loans $880,893,800; decrease $1,108,500. Deposits $842,855,700; decrease $44,700. Circulation $46,117,300, increase $59,200. Legal tenders $66,458 300; increase $1,039,500. Specie $152,335,600; increase $722,000. Reserves $218,791,000; increase $1,761,500. Reserve required $210,713,925; decrease $11,175. Surplus $8,077,975; increase $1,772,675. Ex U. S. deposits $17,381,150; increase $1,774,675.

The torpedo boats Perry and Paul Jones have orders to proceed from the Mare Island navy yard to Panama, to augment Admiral Glass' fleet. The Paul Jones will be placed in commission at once.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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CAMPAIGN LIKELY AGAINST COLOMBIA

War Department in Possession of Information That Justifies Actual Preparations.

GEN. I. F. BELL TO COMMAND.

Troops May be Moved at Any Time. Panama Advices Report Landing of Colombian Forces Preparatory to Invasion of the Isthmus.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LEAVENWORTH, KS., Dec. 12.—Gen. J. Franklin Bell, commander at Fort Leavenworth, has received a message calling him to Washington. He started east to-day. Some of the local officers profess to believe that General Bell is to be called into conference over isthmus of Panama matters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The coming of General Bell to Washington, while it has more or less to do with the matters connected with the general staff college, is admitted to-night by officers of the general staff to be for the purpose of consulting with the officials regarding a probable campaign against Colombia, should that country continue the movement of troops toward the isthmus. It was intimated that matters had reached the point where troops might be moved at any time, which would seem to indicate that the department is in possession of information the tenor of which justifies actual preparations for the movement of United States troops toward Panama. Although the fact would not be disclosed, the presumption is that in the event of troops being sent General Bell will be put in command.

PANAMA, Dec. 12.—Advices received here from Cartagena say that the Colombian cruisers General Pinzon and Cartagena have landed 400 men under Generals Bustamente and Ortiz at Cape Tiburon, at the mouth of the Atrato river, with the object of cutting paths across the mountains to enable the Colombian troops to invade Panama.

According to these advices there is in Cartagena a standing army of 1,000 men.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Will be Held in Chicago on June 21st to Nominate Candidates for President and Vice President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Republican National Convention will be held in Chicago, beginning at noon on June 21st, the Republican national committee reaching the conclusion to-day and adjourning, subject to call. Pittsburg and St. Louis were rivals of Chicago for the convention. Each city was well represented in oratory before the committee, and each also had cash offers to make. Pittsburg offered $100,000, Chicago $75,000 and a hall, and St. Louis $40,000 and a hall. The vote stood forty-three for Chicago, seven for Pittsburg and one for St. Louis.

The work of the committee was harmonious throughout. Its open session to-day was attended by many Republican members of the House. Several minor questions were referred to special committees. Included in this list was the representation asked for Porto Rico, Hawaii and Luzon; the socialistic problem and the political right of the negro. A committee, headed by Senator Scott, of West Virginia, was named to make all arrangements for the convention.

Socialism as a political factor is to be investigated by a committee which also is to take up the question of guaranteeing the rights of negro citizens. This committee consists of George R. Sheldon, New York; Myron T. Herrick, Ohio; J. E. Addicks, Delaware; J. G. Capers, South Carolina; J. W. Lyons, Ga.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Passenger Train on the Pan-Handle Railroad Wrecked—Two Men Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WHEELING, W. VA., Dec. 12.—The north-bound passenger train known as the Pittsburg and Kenova flyer on the Panhandle railroad, collided head-on with a south-bound cattle train at Glenovo, a few miles above this city, at 10 o'clock to night. The dead are: Engineer Thomas Murray, of the passenger train; Fireman Jas. Lanahan, of the stock train. Three others injured.

The passenger train was running fast to make up lost time and met the freight when it was trying to make a siding. Both trains were completely wrecked, but the passengers escaped with a few minor cuts and injuries.

ELECTION IN COLOMBIA.

General Reyes Chosen for President of the Republic.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Colombian legation to-night received a cablegram from General DeCastro, commander-in-chief of the Colombian army, dated Port Limon, Costa Rica, to-day, conveying the information that the result of the election for President held throughout Colombia on December 8th, show a complete triumph for General Reyes. When seen to-night, General Reyes would make no statement beyond saying that he expected to remain in the United States for a fortnight longer.

STICK OF DYNAMITE.

Exploded With Fatal Results at a Railroad Camp in West Virginia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 12—F. A. Johnson, of Lynchburg, Va., a foreman on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, at Kenova, was thawing out dynamite to-day when a stick exploded, wrecking the camp. Johnson had both legs blown off, John Black (colored) had his body blown to pieces, some parts of it landing in a tree fifty yards away. Others were injured but not fatally.

POSTAL FRAUDS.

Two Former Clerks in Postoffice Department Convicted and Sentenced.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—Columbus E. Upton and C. W. McGregor, former clerks in the Postoffice Department at Washington, who were found guilty of postal frauds on Thursday last, were sentenced to-day by Judge Morris to serve two years in the Maryland penitentiary and to pay a fine of $1,000 each. The counsel for both defendants gave notice of appeal.

THE DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

Decided Not to Offer Amendments to the Cuban Reciprocity Bill When It Comes Up for a Vote.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Democratic senators, in caucus to-day, practically reached the conclusion not to offer any amendments to the Cuban reciprocity bill when it comes up to be voted on in the Senate next Wednesday, but the result was not arrived at until after there had been a very spirited exchange of views on the subject.

The caucus was called at the instance of the Democratic steering committee, which presented a recommendation against amendments, on the ground that if offered they and not the bill itself would be the basis of discussion. The caucus was an animated one and was sharply divided.

The point at issue was, some of the senators contending that numerous amendments should be presented and others holding out against any effort whatever to change the character of the bill and standing for a straight party vote against it. The caucus continued until after the beginning of the regular daily session of the Senate and in the end, the committee won its point.

The only important vote taken by the caucus was on a motion offered by Senator Berry eliminating the five-year provision of the bill, and most of the debate was upon this proposition. It broadened, however, into a discussion of the general question as to whether the bill should be amended in any particular. Many of the senators spoke, but a majority of them expressed themselves as unfavorable to the amendments. There was especial objection to the Berry amendment because it was considered that its adoption would be a violation of the treaty with Cuba. The motion was declared defeated without division.

Senator Gorman expressed the opinion that in view of the treaty, the best policy for Democratic senators is to offer no amendments. Other senators who agreed with him were Messrs. Clay, Blackburn and Bailey, while Senators Berry and Patterson and others contended for the opposite course. The general trend of the discussion was favorable to the view that the steering committee should be sustained.

The caucus adjourned to meet next Monday, for a discussion of the general policy to be pursued by the Democrats during the present session with reference to the situation in Panama, the Postoffice Department records, etc.

NEW JERSEY ROBBER BAND.

Dynamited a Safe and Held Up and Robbed Several Persons at Pavonia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 12.—A desperate gang of crackemen appeared in Pavonia, suburb, last midnight and after nearly wrecking the Pennsylvania railroad station at that place with dynamite used in blowing open the safe, made good their escape, securing little for their trouble. Before robbing the station the burglars, five in number, held up Oscar Till and Jacob Eppler, tenders of the State drawbridge over Cooper's Creek and shot at Ralph Haines, a telegraph operator in the signal tower, a short distance from the station.

After the robbery the bandits held up the crew of a drill engine who were making up a freight train, and at the points of their revolvers compelled Edward Appleton and Henry Smith, the engineer and fireman, to leave the vicinity.

To-day almost the entire police force of Camden has been at work endeavoring to locate the robbers. Several arrests of suspicious characters have been made, but Chief of Police Foster will not admit that any of these in custody are members of the robber band.

TORPEDO BOAT FLOTILLA.

Sailed Yesterday on a Record Trip of 18,000 Miles for Manila.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 13.—Lieut. Chandler, with the torpedo flotilla, consisting of the destroyers Decatur, Barry, Bainbridge, Chauncey and Dale, sailed from Hampton Roads to-day on a record trip of 18,000 miles for Manila. The boats, with the naval inspection board from Washington aboard, were all in first-class order when they steamed out of the Virginia capes for Port Royal, S. C., which will be their first stop. At Key West, the inspection board, which simply makes the trip down the coast to be sure that the little fleet is in shape to make the long voyage to the Philippines, will disembark and the flotilla will there await the arrival of their convoy, the cruiser Buffalo, now fitting out at the New York navy yard.

$1,000 FINE.

Imposed Upon a Chicago Union of Press Feeders for Contempt of Court.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—One thousand dollars fine for illegal acts as a corporate body was imposed upon Franklin Union No. 4, press feeders, by Judge Jesse Holdom to-day. The court found the Union as a corporation guilty of contempt of court for violating an injunction restraining it as an organization from interfering with the business or employes of ten printing firms, members of the Chicago Typotheta.

Judge Holdom's action creates a precedent, being the first time in the history of trades unions in this country that a court has fined a union as a corporation. An immediate appeal was taken from the action of Judge Holdom.

IN THE FAR EAST.

Russia's Reply Received by Japan—No Excitement at Tokio.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TOKIO, Dec. 12.—Russia's reply has been received. The Russian minister informed Premier Katzura yesterday that Russia entertains Japan's proposals, probably with modifications. The general election has been fixed for March 1st.

There is no excitement here, notwithstanding the dissolution of the Diet, which, it is expected, will have little effect on the diplomatic situation. The government is calm and confident and apparently resolved to prosecute the negotiations according to the original plan.

Christopher Savage, white, and McGregor, colored, at Miami, Fla., were shot last night. Savage died almost instantly and there is little hope for McGregor's recovery. It is not known who fired the shots. The trouble is supposed to have grown out of gambling.

SENATE DEBATED CUBAN TREATY.

Foster of Louisiana Made Strong Argument in Opposition to the Measure.

CLAY, DEMOCRAT, FAVORS IT.

Said the Sole Issue Involved Is the Reduction of the Tariff Between Cuba and the United States—It Is Purely Reciprocal.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Senate spent more than five hours to-day in discussing the Cuban reciprocity bill and during that time three speeches were made. Mr. Foster, of Louisiana, led the discussion and occupied the greater part of the day with an argument in opposition to the measure. He declared that its passage would greatly injure, if it did not destroy the sugar growing industry of the United States.

Senator Depew, on the Republican side, and Senator Clay, on the Democratic, supported the bill as a measure in the interest of both countries. Senator Clay said that he accepted it as a provision for the reduction of duties on the part of both countries.

Mr. Foster declared that there is no moral obligation on the part of this government to enter into the proposed arrangement with Cuba. He said we are standing at the "open door" of the Far East saying we can compete with England and other foreign countries if given equality of rights, while we are entering into a contrary arrangement in our own hemisphere.

Speaking of the claim from the standpoint of business, he contended that even without the proposed reciprocal arrangement the manufacturers of the United States could get the Cuban trade if they would work for it. He also declared that the reduction of our revenues which would result from the enactment of the proposed law in the five years that the law was to continue in force, would be $35,000,000 or $40,000,000. This money must go either to the Cuban sugar planters or to the sugar trust. In either event the policy was one contrary to our own best interests.

The speaker pronounced the treaty not only a political and economic blunder but declared its falls little short of a legislative crime. The fundamentals error of the measure, he says, is taking of the fruits and vegetables of Florida and the far West, the tobacco and sugar products of this country and placing them in competition with the Cuban products in which the tariff is reduced twenty per cent.

He predicted that the preferential provision of the treaty will bring on a tariff war with foreign countries, because anything coming in from foreign countries will be discriminated against.

Reciprocity, he said, was called by some Republicans the handmaid of protection and by some Democrats the handmaid of free trade, but in this age of commercialism, if he might so term it, he declared reciprocity to be the handmaid of special interest.

Senator Foster declared that behind the treaty are every power and influence of the sugar trust, giving as his reasons that the building of the beet sugar industry of the West means the down pulling of the sugar trust.

"Cuba is competent within the life of the treaty," said Mr. Foster, "to make all the sugar this country needs. It can make sugar cheaper, and with the reduction which is made in this treaty it means the slow but sure death of the cane industry in my State."

Mr. Fairbanks inquired the relative cost of the production of sugar in Cuba and of both cane and beet sugar in the United States. Mr. Foster gave the cost of sugar production in Cuba at from one to one and a half cents per pound, while, he said, the cost of cane sugar production in Louisiana is estimated at three cents a pound, and of beet sugar in the West at a slight increase over this figure.

Mr. Fairbanks then asked if the sugar industry of Cuba would not, in time, inundate the industry of this country even without this tariff reduction. Mr. Foster replied that that probably would be the result, but that the passage of this bill would only hasten it.

Mr. Foster closed his speech with the declaration that the passage of this bill would mean a denial to the sugar States of the sisterly consideration due from other States, and predicted an outbreak of sectionalism not unlike that which prevailed in the South in civil war times.

Mr. Depew, in response to this, declared that Mr. Foster's concluding remarks had no rightful place in the debate on the bill before the Senate. He said this bill shows no sectionalism, nor revival of the old feeling between the South and North, and he declared that while Louisiana is interested, it is no more so than Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Michigan, Nebraska, New York and a number of other States. This, he said, should end discussion of the character indulged in by the senator from Louisiana.

The senator expressed the belief that before the five year period provided for in the treaty elapses, Cuba instead of raising nothing but sugar will have a population raising divers products. He did not favor under present conditions annexing Cuba as a sovereign State.

Messrs. Teller and Newlands replied briefly to Mr. Depew and Mr. Clay followed. He opened his address with a statement declaring in favor of the measure, and continuing, said the sole issue involved is the reduction of the tariff between the governments of Cuba and the United States. He reviewed some of the speeches which had been made in opposition to the bill concerning the trade conditions between the island and other countries, and declared he had made a thorough investigation of the character of goods Cuba had bought from other countries. From statements read he said the exports from the United States to the island should have been much greater. The purpose of the statistics quoted was to show that the treaty should be put in operation for the benefits it will bring to this country and in that connection Mr Clay said the treaty is purely reciprocal; that we have benefits to derive and benefits to give under the legislation proposed.

He said he expected to see the time when Cuba will be the best market of this country. Concerning the prediction that the passage of the Cuban bill will destroy the sugar industry of Louisiana, Mr. Clay said that we could consume all the sugar produced in the United States, Hawaii, Porto Rico and all the American republics. Therefore, he believed the senators who oppose the bill had been mistaken in their views. He did not believe that in the life of the treaty Cuba would be able to produce enough sugar to seriously affect the industry in this country.

The Senate adjourned until Monday.

The British steamer Birmingham, reported ashore at Port Royal bar, bound for Port Royal, was pulled off by tugs and has arrived in port.

FINANCES OF THE STATE.

State, Private and Savings Banks—Carolina Fruit Package Co. Chartered

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 12.—The legislative committee to examine the books and records of the State treasury completed its work to-day and issued a statement, showing a total balance of $161,359, of which $129,302 is general fund and $31,907 is school fund. The total general fund receipts were $2,332,010; disbursements, $2,202,707.

The Corporation Commission issued a statement showing that the resources of State, private and savings banks at the close of business November 17th, was $26,168,282; resources, last report in April, $24,985,138.

The annual statement of the Secretary of State reports $25,939.23 receipts from the following sources: Land grants, $3,867.92; sale of Supreme Court Reports, $5,071.31; organization tax on corporations, $17,000. Total receipts from same sources last year, $18,041.

Charter is granted the Carolina Fruit Package Company, of Warsaw, with $50,000 capital. J. A. Brown, W. R. Newbury, T. B. Peirce and A. F. Johnson are the incorporators.

WARM WIRELETS

The United States Monitor Terror and the practice ship Chesapeake have been ordered to the Norfolk navy yard to be docked and overhauled.

The directors of the Jacksonville, Fla., baseball team have employed George Kelley, better known as King Kelley, as manager of the team for the coming season.

The British steamer Hill Tarn, from Mobile, was damaged at her berth at Havre by a collision with the German steamer Macedonia, from Buenos Ayres. The latter vessel also was damaged.

J. W. Beaman, of Washington, D. C., government supervising architect of the Federal building at Greensboro, N. C., fell on the street here, stricken with paralysis. His condition is pronounced critical by attending physicians.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the following nominations: Collector of Internal Revenue: Edward E. Butler, for the second district of Tennessee; Envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Panama: William I. Buchanan, of New York

Hedric and Raley, at Tampa, Fla., have completed a deal by which 81,000 acres of timber land in Desoto county changed hands, the purchasers being A. E. Hough and others associated with him; all of Michigan. The price paid was $150,000.

Walthour won in the final sprint at Madison Square Garden last night and captured first place in the six-day bicycle race for himself and his partner, Munroe. The distance ridden by the team was 2,318 miles, 3 laps. Leander was second, and Floyd Krebs third.

Chief of Police Ritz, of Wheeling, W. Va., left Richmond, Va., yesterday, having in custody Thomas Easton, a negro charged with assaulting a young Sister of Mercy in St. John's Orphan Asylum, near Wheeling. Easton was working on a railroad near Wheeling at the time the crime was committed, and he and two other negroes are charged with the fiendish deed.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

New Boarding House—For substantial home-like living in true American style, go to the Virginia House, 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. dec 10 4t*

Furnished rooms for rent, on second floor of the Mugge building, corner Second and Princess streets Apply to Carl Mugge de 13 1t

Notice—To-day, if the weather is fair, cars will leave Front and Princess streets for Ocean View at 1:30, 2:30 and 3 P. M., returning will leave Ocean View at 4, 4:30 and 5 P. M. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company dec 13 1t

A Country girl willing to do general house work in small family can secure good home. For particulars address John Ellwood, Wilmington, N. C. dec 13 1t

Sister's in despair. Speedy relief. Abnormal suppression, any cause. Write for remedy. Safe, sure. Dr. Martha Walker Co., 162 State, Chicago. dec 13 1t*

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I desire to say to some few people who are trying to censure some ladies as being the character as angry with "Second Love or a Railroad Man's Wife" in the book "My Own Life as An Outcast Husband" by T. L. Ruth, the lady who is the character is not a native of Wilmington and if this talk about some innocent ladies is not stopped, I will take steps through the law to stop it. This is fair warning to all. Book for sale at 112 South Front street. T. L. Ruth, Wilmington, N. C. dec 13 1t*

At Vance's Cigar Store—Nice line of novelties in smoker's supplies for holiday gifts and personal use. See our windows for daily display and announcements dec 13 1 t f

A Welsbach Drop Light makes the best reading light. $2.00 per lamp complete. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co, de 13 1t

Stolen from my residence Friday night a ladies' Columbia chainless bicycle. Only one other like it in the city. Suitable reward for recovery. E. H. Fishblate. dec 13 1t

Lost—Yesterday afternoon on Fifth, between Princess and Nun streets, brown alligator hand purse containing some money, keys and paper. Finder please telephone No. 312. dec 13 1t.

For Sale—Property corner Orange and Water streets, including wharf, building formerly used as power station and vacant lot fronting on Orange street. Full information at Dick & Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance, No. 110 Princess street. dec 13 3t

For Sale—House and lot No. 712 Dock street, between Seventh and Eighth, Lot 80 by 120, with right of way to alley in rear. A good investment for some one. For terms apply to Dick & Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance, 110 Princess street. dec 13 3t

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 13 1m

Change of Schedule—On and after Monday, December 14th, the car heretofore leaving Ocean View at 5 P. M. will leave at 4:45 P. M. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. dec 13 2t

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 13 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Seiter, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 13 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 307 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 213 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. je 30 tf

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Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

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Their financial responsibility is well known to every newspaper publisher and druggist in the United States, with most of whom they have done business for over a third of a century. From this fact it will readily be seen how utterly foolish it would be for them to make the above unprecedented and remarkable offer if they were not basing their offer on curative means having an unparalleled record. No other medicine than Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription could possibly "win out," as the saying goes, on such a proposition. But they know whereof they speak. They have the most remarkable record of cures made by this world-famed remedy ever placed to the credit of any preparation especially designed for the cure of woman's peculiar ailments. This wonderful remedy, therefore, stands absolutely alone as the only one possessed of such remarkable curative properties as would warrant its makers in publishing such a marvelous offer as is above made in the utmost good faith.

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If you are led to the purchase of "Favorite Prescription" because of its remarkable cures, do not accept a substitute which has none of these cures to its credit.

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An immense deal in timber lands has been consummated in Florida. The deal consists of the transfer of 54,000 acres of timber land in Taylor county and the price paid was $378,000. It is said to be the largest single deal of the kind ever transacted in Florida. The land was sold by the Semmons Land Company to Irwin and O'Brien of Minnesota.

Three Americans and seven natives were killed Friday by a blast of forty-six tons of dynamite in a quarry of the Atlantic and Pacific Company, at Marveles, near the entrance to Manila Bay. Among those killed were Joseph Law, superintendent, and Thomas Strader, engineer.

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Guns, single and double barrel, $3 to $35.00.

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Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paving is done as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.

WM. E. SPRINGER, Mayor.

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By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made in a State proceeding pending therein between Caroline Wise, Rosa L. Wise, Berta Wise, Carry Wise and Ella Wise as plaintiffs, and James McMillan as defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will expose for sale, to the highest bidder for cash, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1903, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, the following described property, beginning at the northwestern intersection of Nixon and Brooklyn street, runs south with the west line of Brooklyn street 170 feet; thence west parallel with Nixon street 75 feet; thence north parallel with Brooklyn street 180 feet to the Southern line of Nixon street; thence east with said line of Nixon street 75 feet to be lining, being parts of lots one and two, Block 327.

T. E. BROWN, Commissioner.

dec 13 1m.